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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kenji MASAKI

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH RECORDED  
IMAGE PROGRAM AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 9, 2003, for which a response was due on January 9, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.